

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** level3.jpg-5ff85a58-399ac50c.jpg

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1200889.002

**Medium:** Computer Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Hamilton District Court

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 06 November 2012

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** No notice of decision has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image is a studio portrait of a prepubescent girl wearing only briefs. Although neither breasts nor genitals are shown, the girl's pose conveys a sexual invitation. The image tends to encourage viewers to see young girls as sexually available and to perpetuate the idea that they may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.